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09/262,458, titled "Gate Array Architecture", by Prossley, filed March 4, 1999, assigned to the assignee

of the present invention, these same claims had previously been allowed by the Examiner in the

presence of precisely the same cited patents. Therefore, Applicant filed this continuation to permit

these allowed claims to proceed to issuance. It is unclear to the Applicant from the Examiner's office

action what may have changed to result in the present rejection when previously the Examiner had

allowed these claims over the same cited patents.

Furthermore, Applicant believes that the Examiner was correct in his previous allowance and

that these claims do distinguish over the cited patents. As one example, immediately successive rows

of diffusion regions do not have opposite polarity in the cited patents. It is, therefore, requested that

the Examiner withdraw his rejection.

It is likewise noted that the Examiner has indicated that one of the documents cited in the IDS

was not provided. Applicant will provide this document in a separate IDS.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent

application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact

the undersigned at (503) 264-0967. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of

all the claims is respectfully requested.

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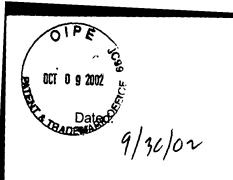
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